

*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmara people.*

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**Weekend Mass Times @ Hamilton:** 6pm Sat & 10:30am Sun

**Weekday Mass Times @ Hamilton:** Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 10am .

**Reconciliation (Confession):** Sat. 5.30pm & after weekday Mass

*We are a Child Safe Parish.*

*Child Safe Officer: John Hockey 0439 319 823*

*<http://westernborder.church/child-safe-policy-and-protocol/>*

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY, HAMILTON**  
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**Country Mass Schedule**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst</b> 5 pm	No Service	Mass	SAWC 8.30am	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am Mass 9am SAWC	Mass	No Service	Mass	SAWC	No Service (To Hamilton)
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	No Service (To Hamilton)

Macarthur - 5th Sunday of the Month, Uniting Church @ 8.30am.

**WEEKDAY Lay-led & Masses @ St Mary's Hamilton:**

\* Lay-led service Tuesday @ 10am.

\* Mass Wed @ 5pm. Thurs, Friday @ 10am.

Confession after all weekday Masses & 5.30 Sat evenings.

**St Joseph's Penshurst - Mass 08/12**

Lector - Rob Coates  
Prayers - Theresa Fitzgerald  
Gifts - Rob & Theresa  
Leader -

**Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Thursday afternoons at 5pm.

All welcome.



Enquiries:  
Chris Jansen  
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**Ministry Roster If you are unavailable for your ministry please try to arrange swap & advise office of change .**

	30/11 & 01/12 Ministers of Communion	7 & 8 December Ministers of Communion
6 pm	P Fitzgerald	Karen Barker
10.30am	R Fitzgerald, R Murphy & Volunteer.	Marie Cook & Trish Irving
The Grange	Frank Soulsby	Margaret Roberts

Date	Open & Welcoming	Cuppa	Computer	Commentator	1 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
30/11	Margaret Meagher	Annette Mason	Jacinta Ryan	Chris Jansen	Maureen Dunn	Angelina Juby
01/12	John Hockey	Geetha & Frank	Carolyn Stanhope	Sherrie Hockey	Jack Bell	Wendy Collins
07/12	Chris Jansen	Trish Soawyer	Chris Jansen	Karen Brewis	Angelina Juby	Sarah Mandy House
08/12	Carolyn Stanhope	Richard & Ursula	Richard Murphy	Wendy Collins	Helen Tripovich	Carolyn Stanhope

# Saint Mary MacKillop Parish

St Joseph's Primary School

## 150th Anniversary Mass.

Sunday 1st December @ 5pm.

St Joseph's Church,  
Penshurst.



Penshurst combined Carols  
Sunday 8th Dec @ 7.30pm  
Penshurst Memorial Hall.  
ALL WELCOME!

**Macarthur Cemetery**  
**Prayers & blessing of graves**  
Sunday 1st December @ 3pm.  
Please bring camping/fold up chair.

### Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: \$  
2nd Collection: Stewardship—2024FY  
Given : Budget: \$125,092.

### Western Border Parish

**Mission Outreach**  
Mission Donations made last financial year to date.  
Sr Lourdes—Kenya Mission \$ 3,000  
Sr Stella's—India Mission \$ 10,500

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**DEATHS:** Bill Slattery (Kooweerup). Our deepest sympathy to Des, Anne & family.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anthony Hurley, Betty Hehir, Leonie Sparrow, Leo Taylor, Sheila Hehir, dot Ryan, Keith Munro, Veronica Hockey, Alex Philip, Jane Dalton, Terry McMeel, Muriel Macklin.

**SICK:**  
Mark Brown.



### Can You Help?

Donations of tins of fruit, puddings (ie chocolate, butterscotch), long-life cream and custard, pavlovas and mini pavlovas. Place under the tree at the rear of St Mary's Church Hamilton.

**Christmas Appeal Weekend**  
7th and 8th of December.  
Make a financial contribution.



Pope Francis has declared the theme entering into the Jubilee Year beginning on Christmas Eve, 24 December, to be "Pilgrims of Hope". This year's Advent Reflections, Hope Reigns, seeks to help prepare you for the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. Daily reflections are provided and are suitable for individual use. \$5 Each Available From The Parish Office

## Prayer

God of holiness,  
whose promises stand  
through all generations,  
fulfill the longings of a humanity  
weighed down by confusion  
and burdened with fear.  
Raise up our heads and strengthen our  
hearts, that, free from anxiety  
and steadfast in hope,  
We may look forward to the glorious  
return of Christ,  
our judge and our Saviour.  
Praying as always  
through Jesus the Christ.

**AMEN.**

Churches of Hamilton Present...

Carols by  
*Candlelight*

- 8.00PM -  
Friday  
December 13th, 2024

Kids Activities - 6.30

Hamilton Botanic  
Gardens  
Thompson Street,  
Hamilton

Sausage Sizzle & Cold Drinks Available  
- Gold Coin Donation

This event supporting Standing Tall Hamilton  
with thanks to Southern Grampians Shire Council for their support

# Advent 2024

**1st December**

**1st Sunday of Advent**



There will be signs  
in the sun and  
moon and stars.

Luke 21:25

**8th December,**

**2nd Sunday of Advent.**

*Blessing of Newly Baptised.*

A voice cries in  
the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for  
the Lord.

Luke 3:4



**15th December,**

**3rd Sunday of Advent.**

*St Mary's end of year School Mass.*



Someone is coming,  
someone who is more  
powerful than I am,  
and I am not fit to  
undo the strap of his  
sandals.

Luke 3:16

**22nd December,**

**4th Sunday of Advent.**

*Blessing of expectant parents.*

Of all women you are the most  
blessed, and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb. Luke 1:42



## St Mary MacKillop Parish

### Parish Outreach Lunch Christmas Day.

Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space, if you are able to offer assistance by way of a donation of food, beverages etc.

Volunteers to help on Christmas Day also required.

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

Enquiries: Geetha on 0422 799 996

